

## WANTS AN ANSWER FROM SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY

**Mrs. C. E. Ganske Quotes Priscilla, "Why Don't You Speak for Yourself"—Fifteen Questions That Remain Unanswered—Lost Identity of School Boys—Those Who Rush to the Rescue of Mr. Mills Are Requested to Explain.**

Editor Standard: The letter published in Friday evening's Standard, and signed by a G. C. Hobson, for the purpose of clearing up the many things which were misleading in the article which I both wrote and signed, was greatly appreciated by me. As quoted, my letter was directed at the "head of the half-day schools." Why not let the answer come directly from that direction or to quote Priscilla, "Why don't you speak for yourself?"

Since Mr. Hobson has ears to hear and eyes to see and even understanding and is so ready to rush to Mr. Mills' rescue, why not complete the task and, in a newspaper article, meet the objections which have been offered in the papers and answer fifteen questions submitted by Mrs. Hilliard?

Mention is made of the great progress during the superintendency of Mr. Mills. "Ask any teacher how his salary compares now with what it was five years ago." At the regular increase of \$50 per annum, I would say that every one SHOULD be receiving \$250 more now than five years ago, and although I do not know, I believe there are many who have not had that increase and also that there may be some who have had special increases.

I am sorry that Mr. Hobson fails to comprehend that even now our Junior and Senior high school teachers are instructing from \$5 to 135 students daily. It seems strange that "it is almost impossible to think of such condition."

The letter speaks of one of the

high school boys smoking on the street. If I left that impression, I wish to correct it here. Not one, but many smoke on the streets and even hug the walls of their beautiful building and smoke during their "rest periods." If any parent doubts the veracity of this statement, I would advise that they make inquiries of the residents of Twenty-fifth street, between the school and town. As to the boys being sent to the police court as a class, I must commend these boys for faithful attendance on at least one of their classes.

**BY WHOM ARE SO MANY SENT TO THE POOL HALLS AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?**

Mr. Hobson attributes my stupidity to the fact that I "ceased teaching some years ago." In self defense, I will say that the educational strides in Ogden must have been of such a nature in the three and a half years since I ceased teaching that I have been unable, perhaps, to keep abreast of the times.

No doubt many high school students have found, as Mr. Hobson suggests, that the "invisible course is the best course." Many of them are invisible in their class rooms when their parents suppose they are in school.

Mr. Hobson seems to have read the handwriting on the wall, as I did not suggest that Mr. Peterson be replaced, but did suggest that he might profitably concern himself with the identity of his pupils so that he would at least know all of

them by sight, if not by name. This morning's Salt Lake Tribune speaks of me as a former teacher in the Ogden City schools. In order to correct an impression which I am told exists among the people, I will state I have never taught in Ogden nor even had an application before the board for such a purpose.

In closing, may I express a hope that Mr. Hobson may at some time "recover from the things learned while teaching." Truly, I have not (Signed) MRS. C. E. GANSKE.

## CONTRACT LET FOR A NEW BUILDING

The Ogden Transfer and Storage company, through its manager, Rufus Ford, has signed a contract for the erection of a new fireproof storage warehouse. The building will be of reinforced concrete, three stories high and will cost \$24,000. J. F. Raymond of Salt Lake is the construction engineer and the building will be erected on the ground adjoining the new Peery building on Hudson avenue, part of which is at present occupied by the warehouse of the company facing Merchants' alley.

There is at present a controversy existing as to the ownership of a small strip of land on which the Ford company propose to build. As soon as this is settled by the court, Manager Ford says that the construction of the new building will be started.

## SERVICES ON SUNDAY AT THE OGDEN TABERNACLE

The speaker for Sunday afternoon will be Elder Lawrence W. Richards, recently president of the Eastern States mission.

The following musical program will be rendered by the choir:

Organ Prelude.  
..... Organist Samuel F. Whitaker  
Selection..... Tabernacle Choir  
Trio—Violin, Flute and Piano.....  
Messrs. Nylander, Critchlow and Whitaker.  
Selection..... Tabernacle Choir  
Hosanna.....  
..... Mrs. Agnes Warner and Choir

## SUGAR BEET OUTLOOK FOR YEAR MOST ENCOURAGING

Notwithstanding the tariff reduction on beet sugar and the possibility of placing the product on the free list, the Amalgamated Sugar company is still doing business with the farmers and the prospects for the present year are encouraging. It is expected that a greater acreage than ever before will be planted and that in all likelihood the beet crop will be a bumper.

Officers of the company say the farmers know more about sugar beet raising than heretofore and there is every indication that the tonnage per acre and also the saccharine percentage will be greater.

Answering questions propounded by a Standard representative, Field Superintendent Job Pingree gave facts respecting the sugar beet outlook for the year 1914:

"What is the prospect for sugar beets this coming season?"  
"Prospects look very good. The land is well soaked with water, and there is considerable snow in the hills to furnish water for the farmers next summer."

"Are many contracting their beets?"  
"More contracts have been made this year than in any other season at this time of the year. The farmers come into Ogden and call at the sugar office, and make their contracts as soon as they decide the number of acres they will plant. The Sugar company is giving the same price for beets as last year, namely, \$5 per ton at the factory for 15 per cent beets. It was published that the

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Western Sugar company has dropped the price 25 cents per ton, and are now giving \$4.75 per ton.

"Were many beets below 15 per cent last year?"  
"Yes, many farmers' beets were below 15 per cent last year, in fact, the sugar content of the beet was lower last year than it has been for several years. The warm rains that came when the beets were getting ripe started them to grow again, at the expense of the sugar. It increased the sugar for the farmers, but decreased the sugar for the factories."

"Will the sugar company contract with all farmers that wish to raise beets?"

"I do not know. Many farmers are increasing their acreage this year, planting more beets than in former years. Whenever the Sugar company has contracted for what beets they will need, then they may cease contracting. Whether the tariff question will make any difference in the acreage contracted for, I do not know. If I were going to plant beets I would contract as soon as convenient. Then that part of the farm crop is sold. In planting sugar beets the company furnishes the seed, making deductions from payment of crop. The company has let the farmers have money when needed, to pay men to work the beets. This is something not often done in the raising of other crops."

"Are the farmers preparing their land for this crop?"

"Yes, many are. They plowed their land last fall, and are fertilizing it so as to be ready in the spring. Some farmers in the past have put too much fertilizer on their land, and made the beets run to tops with smaller roots. Medium fertilizing makes less tops and larger beets and is more profitable to the farmer."

## WORK OF EMMANUEL MOVEMENT IS SPREADING

The work of the Emmanuel Movement, which has been carried on in Ogden for the past three years, is beginning to attract attention in other parts of the state. Mr. Fleetwood, who has been the leader of the class, has been invited by Dean Coladay to present the subject in a sermon tomorrow, to be followed by a series of lectures, at St. Mark's cathedral, Salt Lake City.

Bishop Spalding has also requested Mr. Fleetwood to present the subject at the midwinter convocation of the district of Utah to be held in Salt Lake City in February.

**AS IF RENO DIDN'T EXIST.**  
He (ardently)—Be mine, dear, mine forever.  
She—Oh, Tom, how dreadfully old-fashioned you are!

**SOMETIMES LUNKHEADNESS**  
"It is often impossible to distinguish silence from wisdom."  
"Naturally! Because it is often the same thing."

## MOTHER OF TEACHER IN DEFENSE OF HALF- DAY SCHOOL

Half day sessions in the public schools of Ogden mean more ample building accommodations, a reduction in the present teaching force, increased work and pay for the teachers, who are retained, and the elimination of all or a part of the children for at least half the school day. It will provide the means for a social center and a gymnasium; and last but not least there will be a saving of from \$25,000 to \$45,000 annually, besides large sums of building money.

I ask who pays for this change and so-called economy. One group of children attend school during the morning session, in the afternoon they work for pay, or to have a small bank account, and incidentally, to get a smattering of industrial education. Under the most favorable opportunities there will not be enough jobs to accommodate all; besides, boy and girl labor of this age is usually crude and inefficient. It is cheap labor, too, and is not in harmony with our modern ideas of social justice. Is this the beginning of economic slavery in Utah?

We hear and read a great deal of child labor in the great industrial centers of the east and south. Are we of this city to foster a scheme that will in time become a menace to our children's health and intellectual development?

Why this general apprenticing of our youth at so tender an age to anyone, regardless of character or fitness to teach?

We all know that the busy employer is usually engrossed with his own affairs and cannot be expected to be especially interested in the welfare of a child, whom he has employed for economic reasons only. The child needs sympathy and kindly direction. If this is denied, the temptation to do as he pleases makes or mar a career. The lure of the street is strong; but yielding to its temptations makes the material from which our army of human derelicts are recruited by thousands each year.

The people pay taxes to maintain the public schools for the benefit of all the children of certain age. Into the hands of the board of education is placed this great trust. Are they doing their full duty when they throw half or even a part of the education of the children back onto the parents and the public? Is not this shirking responsibility on the part of those in authority?

If the change is inaugurated intelligent and well to do parents may circumvent the plan by employing special instruction for their children; while the zealous in religious matters, no doubt, will patronize sectarian institutions.

I believe in work and responsibility for every child, but both must be given tactfully and indolently. If industrial training is really what the board of education, through the superintendent is trying to give the children, why not enlarge the nucleus already established for that purpose? Surely, vocational education may be given preference over some fads that now obtain. Necessarily, industrial instruction given by the public school must be very limited, at best when compared with the vast activities of the actual world of labor. Elementary as it may be, there are pupils to whom it will appeal strongly; and a few can learn in no other way than through industrial methods.

But after all, is not fundamental and cultural education the very foundation of all that is big and of worth while in the world? I once heard William Jennings Bryan say there were two reasons why an education helped the man who had to dig ditches; first, because of his learning, he would dig a better ditch; and the second reason was, that when his daily task was done, he could enjoy good books in preference to seeking relaxation among evil companions and in low resorts.

Instead of experimenting with new and untried educational scheme in our schools, let us lend our hearts and minds to the work of inspiring our children's minds and memories with the best that has been done and said in the world. Give them a liberal education, creating a real love for good and noble purpose, the power of mental possibility, rather than early attainment, and they will find their vocation in life, and be a credit to the community in which they live.

To accomplish this, we need all day sessions, night schools, and special classes as well. We must secure the most efficient teachers, whose chief joy is in their work. They must not be overworked nor underpaid. The overworked teachers often become irritable, impatient, and weak through mental and nervous exhaustion. We would recognize the tremendous inspiration they give our youth and treat them most liberally, and be kindly considerate. No mean economy is to be placed in the balance with so vital a subject as the welfare of our children. They must be our chief concern in the building of the state. (Signed)  
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## INTERPRETATION OF GREAT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

Most of the so-called new problems in life are not so much new in essence as they are new in condition and form. They are the old problems in new environment and viewed from a new viewpoint. "The old order changeth" but the old difficulties remain. The lessons and principles of the past need only new form and application to meet the needs of today.

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wrought mightily in the lives of men in bible days, can give like teaching in our life today, when they are modernized in application. "Modern Interpretations of the Great Scenes in the Bible," is the theme of a series of evening sermons commencing in the First Presbyterian church, Sunday night. Modern sins, misconceptions and standards will be considered in the light of the formative incidents of bible times, and modern illustrations will be used.

## CATHOLICS ORGANIZE THE BOY SCOUTS

New York, Jan. 24.—Official recognition of the movement for the es-

tablishment of Catholic Boy Scouts in his diocese in affiliation with the national organization had been given by Cardinal Farley. In a letter appointing Rev. Francis J. Sullivan spiritual director of Catholic troops, the cardinal made known the conditions under which he approved the scout movement. These provide that the scouts be distinctly Catholic troops that the scout masters be approved by the church authorities and that no Catholic boy be allowed to join the Junior Holy Name society or kindred organizations.

London, Jan. 24.—Walter Hines Page, the United States ambassador, and his wife are among the guests of King George and Queen Mary at the first of a series of week-end parties beginning today, to be given during their majesties' stay at Windsor castle.

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